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Oct. Brings 2013 Economic Summit for Women

The 10th annual Economic Summit for Women will be held Sunday and Monday, Oct. 27 & 28, at the Airport Marriott in Nashville. This year's theme is Collaboration & Celebration. "The theme is based on the many partners developed through the years with the Summit and the celebration of a decade of Summits that have taken place," said TECW Chair, Yvonne Wood. "In addition the Tennessee Economic Council celebrates its 15th anniversary this year," she added.

This year's Summit is a joint event of the Economic Summit for Women and Vision

2020 Regional Congress. The Regional Congress will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, as a prelude to the Summit. Discussions will be on national and state strategies that will bring women to 50-50 parity by the year 2020, when the nation celebrates the centennial of women's right to vote. Other discussions on Vision 2020 will be intertwined in presentations of the Summit on Monday. Registrants to the Summit may attend these events. Vision 2020 is a program of the Institute for Women's Health & Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Connie Lindsey, President of the Board of the Girl Scouts, USA and vice president of Northern Trust, will be the morning keynote speaker. Ms. Lindsey will speak from the topic, The Path to Leadership. Deedee Corradini, former Mayor of Salt Lake City and President of the International Women's Forum, will be the afternoon keynote speaker and will focus on Women in Leadership Roles.

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& Celebration }



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The Summit will also highlight women in elected office. There will be a session with four female mayors from cities across Tennessee; Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, Germantown; Mayor Joann Graves, Gallatin; Mayor Kim McMillan, Clarksville and Mayor Madeline Rogero, Knoxville. These elected officials will speak from the per-

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Message from Executive Director Phyllis Qualls-Brooks

Dear Colleagues,

After months, weeks and days of planning researching, traveling and meeting, the time has come, and the Economic Council staff is so pleased about the 10th Annual Economic Summit for Women. It is an event that is rich with presenters, information and events. It is timely and topical.



The release of the official report of the Economic Impact of Violence Against Women has become a highly-anticipated document. Because of the travels across the state with Economic Council & Foundation members and staff, we receive requests daily on the results of the study. The time, energy and resources put into this project were significant and the results will continue to demonstrate the work done by the Council staff, with the guidance and support provided by Council members. The 2006 study on domestic violence, revealed an economic impact of \$174 million; this project is an expansion of that work. This year's report, which includes domestic violence, sexual assault and human sex trafficking, will provide figures that are inclusive of all of those crimes with perspectives ranging from health care, to police and judicial work to social services. The VAW Report will be distributed at the session at 2:45 p.m.

The time has come, let's listen, learn, and empower.

Regards,

The Honorable Cornelia A. Clark to Present at 2013 Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame Induction

The Honorable Cornelia A. Clark, Tennessee Supreme Court Justice will present awards to the 2013 Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame inductees.

The awards ceremony will take place at noon during the 10th Annual Economic Summit for Women, at the Nashville Airport Marriott. Six outstanding women will be inducted. They are, Margaret Behm, Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop, Inez Crutchfield, Dr. Shirley Raines, Becca Stevens and Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg.

Justice Clark was born in Franklin Tennessee. She attended Vanderbilt



The Honorable Cornelia A. Clark
Tennessee Supreme Court Justice

University, where she earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.


She subsequently earned the Master of Arts in Teaching at Harvard University and worked as a teacher in Atlanta for several years, where she grew up.

She returned to Nashville to study at the Vanderbilt University Law School where she

was awarded the Juris Doctorate degree in 1979. She engaged in private practice and worked as a city attorney in her home town of Franklin. She was appointed a Circuit Judge for the

21st Judicial District of Tennessee, a position she held from 1989 to 1999.

In 1999, the Tennessee Supreme Court appointed her to the position of Director of the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts. She began her Supreme Court service in 2005 to fill a vacancy and in 2006, she was recommended for a full eight-year term on the Supreme Court by the Judicial Retention Commission. She was returned to the Court by the voters in an August 2006 election.

She began a two-year term as chief justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court on September 1, 2010, becoming the second woman in Tennessee history to serve in that role. 

A Message from Vision 2020---Looking Back—Seeing Forward

Vision 2020, a national initiative to advance women's economic and social equality, has partnered with the 10th annual Tennessee Economic Summit for Women in its commitment to promoting women in leadership and economic stability. Vision 2020 salutes the important work of its Tennessee Delegates (each of whom is also affiliated with the TECW or its Foundation in some way) to achieve more women in senior leadership positions and to shine a spotlight on the economic impact of violence against women.

Pat Pierce and Yvonne Wood joined Vision 2020 as delegates in 2010 and Marcy Eason and Phyllis Qualls Brooks joined their ranks in 2013.

By focusing on these important issues, these Delegates extend the Vision 2020 message of shared leadership among women and men to reach 50-50 parity by the year 2020, when America celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote.

To add a special dimension to the relationship between Vision 2020 and

Tennessee, it took the vote in the Tennessee Legislature in 1920 to ratify the 19th amendment. Vision 2020 encourages women and men who support gender equality to join the campaign and add their voices to this initiative.



Vision 2020 advocates to increase the number of women in senior leadership positions. "We champion this goal not only because it is fair, but because there is evidence that women's leadership produces tangible positive results," said Mary Flannery, Director of Communications for Vision 2020. "It's important that women leaders are represented, especially in business, politics and education."

In the news: Twitter is about to become a publicly traded company and has been criticized for having no women on its board of directors.

Why this matters: In business, companies with the most women board directors have had better financial performance than those with the few or none. Also, research shows companies with a woman CEO or a greater number of women in senior management perform better than peer companies.

The Tennessee Delegates will offer a presentation on the efforts and activities being done in this state to get women on non-profit and for-profit boards and commissions. "We are working diligently to advocate for women and submit their stellar credentials to various stakeholders to ensure these women are identified and can be considered to be placed on boards and commissions in this state," said Yvonne Wood, Chair of the TECW and Chair of the Boards & Commissions Committee.

To learn more about Vision 2020 and join the campaign for women's equality, follow us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/Vision2020EqualityinSight](https://www.facebook.com/Vision2020EqualityinSight).



"REVIVE: Alive @ the Summit" - Summit features medical specialists from Saint Thomas Health

Four female specialists will discuss women's health at the 10th Annual Economic Summit for Women. The day-long Summit will be Monday, Oct. 28 at the Nashville Airport Marriott, located at 600 Marriott Dr.

The medical specialists session will be at 11 a.m. in Salon A-C. It will feature Kelly Carden, MD; Leah Cordovez, MD; Laura Lawson, MD and Mary Sha Miller, RN, CBN, CCRP.

"Women's health is a major issue in our society," said Phyllis Qualls-Brooks, Executive Director of the Economic Summit.

The four professional healthcare specialists will discuss a variety of health issues from nutrition and weight-loss to breast cancer and sleep habits. These specialists are all experts in their fields. "Saint Thomas Health encourages women to take charge of their health and believes these specialists will offer the advice, education and insight to help motivate attendees to make positive lifestyle changes and better their personal health," said Rebecca Climer, senior vice president and chief communications and marketing officer for Saint Thomas Health.

"Be prepared to learn more about women's health care and have your questions answered. It's health care

at its best, Alive @ the Summit with Saint Thomas Health," said Qualls-Brooks.

The specialists are:

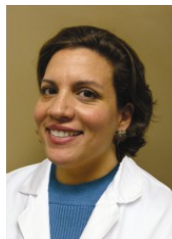


Kelly Carden, MD

Sleep Medicine

Saint Thomas Sleep Medicine

Dr. Kelly Carden is nationally-known lecturer, educational course director, author and leader in the field of sleep medicine.



Leah Cordovez, MD

Internal Medicine

Nashville Medical Group

Dr. Leah Cordovez is a board certified internal medicine physician dedicated to the health of our community. After attending Vanderbilt University and the University of Panama Medical School, Dr. Cordovez completed her residency with the University of Tennessee at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital, serving as the chief resident of internal medicine.

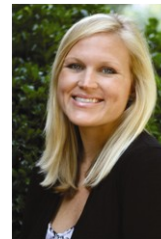


Laura Lawson, MD, FACS

Breast Surgeon

Saint Thomas Breast Specialists

Dr. Lawson is medical director of the Saint Thomas Health Breast Cancer Program, the medical director of the Multi-Disciplinary Breast Tumor




Mary Sha Miller, RN, CBN, CCRP

Director

Comprehensive Weight Loss Center at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital

Mary Sha Miller relocated to Nashville in

July '12 to join the Metabolic Surgery Center at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital and serve as their Center Director. She attended the University of Mississippi to pursue education, but quickly realized that working with people in the healthcare setting was truly her passion.

You will be able to ask questions and get in-depth information at the 10th Annual Economic Summit for Women, Monday, Oct. 28 at the Nashville Airport Marriott. For more information visit www.tnwomensummit.org. 

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spective of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation's research that helps to decode the idea of a qualified woman candidate. The discussion will focus on what makes a woman qualified in the voters' minds. Additionally there will be a panel of legislators to discuss issues from the past session on laws impacting women, children and families.

The Economic Council staff will release its official report on The Economic Impact of Violence Against Women. A series of nine hearings

took place throughout the state as well as focus groups and surveys during the year. Additionally, in-depth research has been done to gather information in order to present a robust report on the economic impact of domestic violence and human sex trafficking in Tennessee.

Other sessions include Courage & Confidence, branding and marketing, and a medical focus with four female specialists from Saint Thomas Health discussing women's health and wellness matters. The signature event is the Hall of Fame

induction ceremony that takes place at the noon luncheon. Six outstanding women from across the state will receive this prestigious honor.

This event is the premier conference on women's issues in the state. For more information, visit the following websites;

www.tennesseewomen.org or www.tnsummit.org or call 615.253.4266. You may also contact Yvonne Wood at 615.969.2857 or ycwood@aol.com



A Sneak Peak at Four Themes from the TECW's Report on Violence Against Women



The Economic Impact of Violence Against Women in Tennessee



Of the many themes revealed in the TECW's upcoming research on the Economic Impact of Violence Against Women, the following four items were most prominent:

First, *domestic violence is not a family matter*, with limited impact on the wellbeing of others. It is, in fact, one of the most debilitating and prevalent crimes in our society

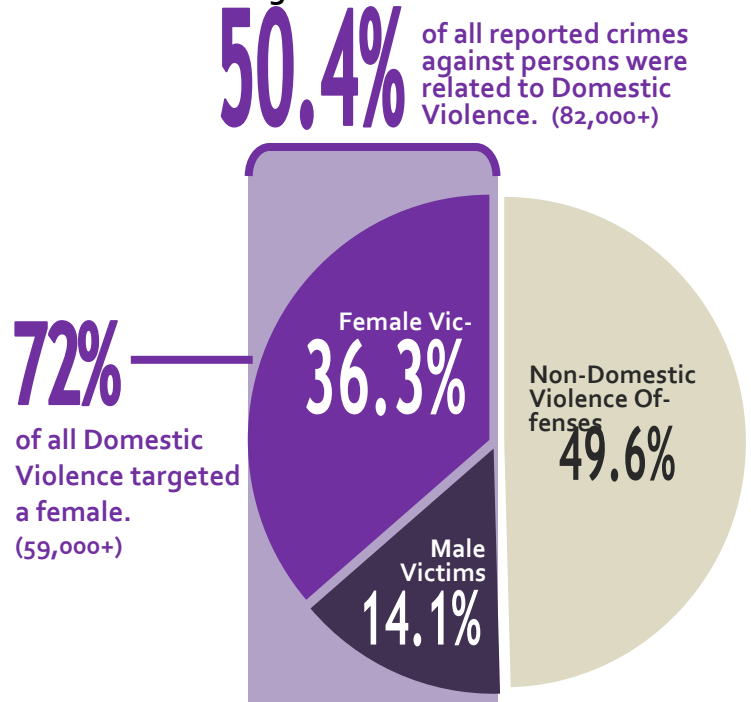
(see right for details) and it perpetually extracts costs, both immediate and long-term, from every Tennessean.

Second, *prostitution is not a profession willingly chosen*; it is a suffering of last resort that desperate women and children are forced into, or fall back upon to survive. It is an abominable form of modern slavery perpetrated by predatory traffickers and the reckless purchasers of forced sex, which challenges the humanity of the individual and the dignity of their community.

Third, it is in the best interest of all Tennesseans to recognize that a child should not be born into a unique likelihood of rape, abuse, or violation because of her gender. Crimes that victimize women in such tremendous volume and specificity have compounding effects on our society and economy, and by derailing the lives of so very many, they serve to impede an entire gender's collective ability to achieve its full socio-economic potential.

Finally, our state's capability to respond to these crimes is increasingly robust, with law enforcement, courts, and social service providers growing both in strength and sophistication each year, but prevention efforts are nearly non-existent. Breaking the insidious cycle of domestic and sexual violence that is passed from parent to child by abuse experienced or witnessed, must be a foremost mission of

2012 Total and Domestic Violence-Related Crimes Committed Against Persons in Tennessee*



* Information provided by Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS)

Tennessee's combined resources. Educational programs that discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships, gender (or non-gender) roles, and promote individual health in spite of victimization must be created and funded on a large scale. Efforts should be directed toward early intervention, reaching children in the community and in grade schools. Programs should continue throughout high school and college, where possible, addressing issues like date rape.

To learn more, attend the Economic Summit for Women or find the full report at www.tennesseeewomen.org beginning October 28th, 2013.

Council and Hall of Fame Members Recognized in October

Yvonne Wood, chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women was awarded the Tennessee Human Rights Commission Advocate's Award at the agency's 50th anniversary celebration, held Oct. 4. Yvonne has been a lifelong advocate for women and equality for all people. She was instrumental in the creation of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women and helped to draft its founding legislation. The Council celebrates its 15th year anniversary this year. Wood has been



Wood



Crutchfield



Wurzburg

honored for her many services to Tennessee, including being a recipient of the Athena Award in 2005, the Spirit of Leadership Award from CABLE in 2009 and the Women of Achievement

Award from the Nashville YWCA in 2006.

Council/Foundation members Ruby Miller and Pat Pierce, commissioners with the Human Rights Commission, served as co-chairs of the event.

Additionally 2013 Tennessee Hall of Fame inductee Inez Crutchfield, also received an Advocate's Award and inductee Jocelyn Wurzburg was the first recipient of the Jocelyn D. Wurzburg Civil Rights Legacy Award, named in her honor.

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